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SUBJECT: Park System Level of Service Assessment

PURPOSE

To determine the current level of service and performance standards for the County's urban and regional park system and the projected needs for future acquisition and development for six- and 20-year capital facility planning.

BACKGROUND

The County provides regional parks, special facilities, regional trails, greenways and natural areas throughout the Clark County and neighborhood and community parks and sports fields in or proximate to the urban unincorporated area (Vancouver growth area). Vancouver and the other cities within the county are responsible for provision of parks and recreation facilities within their boundaries. Previous park comprehensive plans have reflected the combined inventory of the county and the city of Vancouver. The current comprehensive plan update reflects only county-owned and applicable school district or other provider properties. The level of service and quantified acquisition and development needs to meet adopted standards for the county park system are based on the park system inventory presented in Tables 1 - 5. Facilities within the county park system which do not have current level of service standards are not included in these inventory tables, such as trails and sport fields. A separate assessment of demand and needs for these facilities should also be conducted as part of the comprehensive plan update.

The majority of land within Districts 1 – 4 is within the City of Vancouver and only a few county-owned parks are situated within these primarily city PIF districts. These parks will likely be transferred to or annexed into the city of Vancouver in the near future. As a result, this level of service assessment focuses strictly on park districts 5-10 within the urban unincorporated area (UUA). Park District 1 contains an undeveloped neighborhood park, currently named "Alki" situated along the south banks of Burnt Bridge Creek. Park District 4 contains two county parks (Pacific and Vandervort) and two special facilities (Harmony sports fields and English Pit rifle range) in the northern section of the District.

Table 1. Neighborhood Parks

	Acreages			
Neighborhood Parks	Undev'd	Dev'd	2014 Total	
Park District 5 - (County share)	19.50	29.29	48.79	
Park District 6	8.19	12.80	20.99	
Park District 7 - (County share)	10.49	14.96	25.45	
Park District 8	3.82	33.67	37.49	
Park District 9	11.87	23.15	35.02	
Park District 10	15.08	11.82	26.90	
NEIGHBORHOOD PARK TOTAL	68.95	125.69	194.64	

Table 2. Community Parks

	Acreages			
Community Parks	Undev'd	Dev'd	2014 Total	
Park District 5 - (County share)	16.00	36.96	52.96	
Park District 6	66.95	16.53	83.48	
Park District 7 - (County share)	10.08	0.00	10.08	
Park District 8	40.34	20.00	60.34	
Park District 9	51.82	46.29	98.11	
Park District 10	0.00	30.18	30.18	
COMMUNITY PARK TOTAL	185.19	149.96	335.15	

Table 3. Urban Natural Areas

	Acreages			
Urban Natural Areas	Undev'd	Dev'd	2014 Total	
Park District 5 - (County share)	80.00	0.00	80.00	
Park District 6	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Park District 7 - (County share)	6.22	0.00	6.22	
Park District 8	25.30	0.00	25.30	
Park District 9	22.22	0.00	22.22	
Park District 10	102.65	0.00	102.65	
URBAN NATURAL AREA TOTAL	236.39	0.00	236.39	

Table 4. Inventory of County-owned or operated Regional Parks

		Acreage	s
Regional Parks	Undev'd	Dev'd	2014 Total
Bratton Canyon	62.00	18.00	80.00
Brush Prairie	76.48	7.50	83.98
Daybreak	183.64	6.00	189.64
Frenchman's Bar	125.53	37.00	162.53
Green Mountain	360.00	0.00	360.00
Lacamas Lake	290.00	7.39	297.39
Lewisville	68.45	90.00	158.45
Lucia Falls	22.83	25.60	48.43
Moulton Falls	413.91	27.00	440.91
Salmon Creek (includes Klineline)	122.93	51.10	174.03
Vancouver Lake	182.00	52.00	234.00
Whipple Creek	295.35	4.00	299.35
Capt. William Clark	39.28	35.46	74.74
REGIONAL PARK TOTAL	2,242.40	361.05	2,603.45

Table 5. Inventory of Other Providers' Regional Parks

		Acreages	
Other Provider - Regional Parks	Undev'd	Dev'd	2014 Total
Battle Ground Lake State Park	240.00	40.00	280.00
Fort Vancouver National Historic Site	154.00	75.00	229.00
Paradise Point State Park	61.00	35.00	96.00
TOTAL	455.00	150.00	605.00

The urban unincorporated area (Vancouver Urban Growth Area) contains six (6) park impact fees districts (District 5-10). Park districts 5 and 7 are shared districts with land within both the city of Vancouver and the urban unincorporated area (UUA). Regional parks may be inside other city jurisdictions and rural areas of Clark County but are under the ownership, operation and/or maintenance of the county parks division. Other providers, such as Washington State Parks and the National Park Service operate public park facilities that provide the similar regional park amenities. While there may be differences in access fees, range of facilities and uses, these land do provide park and recreation value to the county and beyond.

County parks, both urban and regional, have adopted park land standards based on population to allow for a standards-based measurement of need. Targeting lower than the historic NRPA (National Recreation and Parks Association) guideline of 10 acres/1,000 population, the adopted standard for urban parks and natural areas, combined, is 6 acres/1,000 population. The neighborhood park standard targets 2 acres/1,000 population; community parks target 3 acres/1,000 population and urban natural areas aim for 1 acre/1,000

for the 6 acre/1,000 goal within the urban unincorporated area. The standards also include targeted acreages for developed park areas: neighborhood parks at 2 acres/1,000 population (using the assumption that the entire park is developed); community parks target 2.25 acres/1,000 population (allowing for natural areas to be included in many community park designs. Regional parks target 10 acres/1,000 population for park land acreage with an approximate 18% of the park being developed while the rest of the park contains significant natural lands.

CURRENT LEVEL OF SERVICE

Since 2006, the urban unincorporated area has gained significant urban parkland acreage and development. The establishment of the Greater Clark Parks District (GCPD) with its property tax levy that provides operation and maintenance funding has supported the provision of 25 new neighborhood parks, three (3) community parks and numerous sports fields, including the Luke Jensen Sports Park. Close to 300 acres of land was established or developed as public park land or improved recreational fields between 2006 and 2014.

It should be noted that the urban unincorporated area and its associated PIF district boundaries go beyond the boundaries of the GCPD. The GCPD was established with static boundaries that do not automatically adjust with annexation or growth area expansion.

The current level of service was calculated using the population figures for each park impact fee (PIF) district for the urban unincorporated (UUA). The county's urban parks lie primarily in PIF districts 5-10, with Park District 5 and 7 being shared with Vancouver. The combined districts (including those portions of Districts 5 & 7 within the city) contain over 1,014 acres of neighborhood and community parks and urban natural areas. The level of service assessment compares the adopted standard for attainment of the different types of park lands within the system to the actual inventory of existing acreage and developed lands, as a measure of performance.

Neighborhood Parks

The Clark County park system continues to strive toward an acquisition standard for neighborhood parks at 2 acres/1,000 persons for both the park land base and developed acreage. In the UUA, the land base currently acquired for neighborhood parks (Districts 5-10) is 194.6 acres with 125.7 acres in developed neighborhood parks. This level of service (LOS) assessment for Districts 5 and 7 covers only the county portion of park inventory and its related district population. The combined current LOS for neighborhood park acreage in districts 5-10 is 1.34 acres/1,000 persons, performing at 67.2% of the adopted acquisition standard of 2 acres/1,000 persons. The performance to standard for developed neighborhood parks is lower at 0.86 acres/1,000 persons, reaching only 42.9% of the targeted park development. (Table 6.) Both the land base and developed areas fall below the historic NRPA guideline of 2 acres/1,000 for neighborhood parks.

Table 6. Current Level of Service for Neighborhood Parks

PIF Districts	2014 Population	LOS NH park land	LOS NH dev'd parks
	(1,000's)	2/1,000	2/1,000
Park District #5**	31.094	1.57	0.94
Park District #6	20.667	1.02	0.62
Park District #7**	19.928	1.28	0.75
Park District #8	24.132	1.55	1.40
Park District #9	28.530	1.23	0.81
Park District #10	18.903	1.42	0.63
Totals	143.254	1.34	0.86
**shared districts			
Performance =		67.2%	42.9%

Community Parks

Clark County community park standards are targeted to contain 3 acres/1,000 persons for an acquired land base with 2.25 acres/1,000 persons for developed community parks. The community park land base acreage is currently 335.2 acres with 150.0 developed acres within PIF Districts 5-10. The LOS assessment for the shared districts 5 & 7 covered only the county portion of park inventory and population. Within those same PIF districts that compose the urban unincorporated area, the current performance to standard for the acquisition acreage is 2.3 acres/1,000 equal to 76.6% of the preferred level of service. Developed acreage of community parks has reached only 1.01 acres/1,000, performing at 44.7% of the targeted developed park land standard.

Table 7. Current Levels of Service for Community Parks

PIF Districts	2014 LOS CP Population land		LOS dev'd CP
	(1,000's)	3/1,000	2.25/1,000
Park District #5**	31.094	1.70	1.19
Park District #6	20.667	4.04	0.80
Park District #7**	19.928	0.51	0.00
Park District #8	24.132	2.50	0.83
Park District #9	28.530	3.44	1.62
Park District #10	18.903	1.60	1.60
Totals	143.254	2.30	1.01
**shared districts			
Performance =		76.6%	44.7%

Urban Natural Areas

The acquisition standard for urban natural areas targets 1 acre/1,000 persons inside the urban unincorporated area. The LOS assessment for the shared districts 5 & 7 covered only the county portion of park inventory and population. The inventory of natural areas exceeds the current total level of service at 1.69 acres/1,000 or 169% when combined across all six PIF Districts (#5-10). However, based on current inventory of urban natural areas, Districts 6, 7 and 9 do not meet the targeted level of service with 0.0 acres/1,000; 0.31 acres/1,000; and 0.78 acres/1,000, respectively. In determining the need for additional urban natural areas, some consideration should be given to the proximity of regional natural areas and greenways within the urban area. While the inventory may define those lands as meeting regional needs, their value may contribute to the perception of open space within PIF districts. The park land inventory identifies most urban natural areas as smaller more isolated lands when compared with regional natural areas that comprise greenways, riparian systems and other larger landscapes.

At the current 2014 population size, the adopted standards would target 143.3 acres of urban natural area. Although the distribution of natural areas across the urban unincorporated area is not equal, the current inventory is 236.4 acres, exceeding the level of service standard by 93 acres. (Table 8)

Table 8. Current Urban Natural Area LOS Assessment

PIF Districts	2014 Population	Current Level of Service	UNA acres Demand	UNA Surplus (-Deficit)
	(1,000's)	1/1,000		
Park District #5**	31.094	2.57	31.1	48.9
Park District #6	20.667	0.00	20.7	-20.7
Park District #7**	19.928	0.31	19.9	-13.7
Park District #8	24.132	1.05	24.1	1.2
Park District#9	28.530	0.78	28.5	-6.3
Park District #10	18.903	5.43	18.9	83.7
Totals	143.254	1.69	143.3	93.1
**shared districts				
Attainment	of Standard	=	169.0%	

Regional Parks

Regional parks serve the entire population of Clark County with a target level of service of 10 acres/1,000 residents. County-operated regional parks currently total 2,603.4 acres. The 2014 level of service for county-operated regional parks is 5.98 acres/1,000 for the total park land acreage and 0.83 acres/1,000 for developed park land. This regional park acreage reaches 60% of the adopted standard for regional parks and a 46% level for developed areas within regional parks for the current population.

Table 9. Current Regional Park LOS

Current Regional Park Level of Service	2014
Population (1,000s)	435.5
Parkland Acreage	2,603.45
Adopted Acquisition Standard (ac/1,000)	10
Current Level of Service (ac/1,000)	6.0
Performance to Standard	60%
Developed Area Acreage	361.05
Developed Area Average (18%)	1.8
Current Level of Service (ac/1,000)	0.8
Attainment of Standard	46%

FUTURE PARK LAND: DEMAND & NEED

Land Acreage Standards

Quantified standards that are determined by inventory, population and level of service standards comprise an important consideration in the determination of demand and need for land and developed facilities in a park system. These quantified values are directly tied to the park impact fee program and serve to support the imposition of impact fees on new residential development that directly affect the performance standard of the urban park system. The current inventory is compared to the targeted standard for each PIF District and each park classification (neighborhood, community and natural area). The surplus or gap between existing and desired park land and developed acreages then identifies the quantifiable need for park acquisition or development. Population estimates for projected growth are also considered for projecting future demands for park land and developed park facilities. The estimated 2020 and 2035 populations were provided by Clark County GIS based on VBLM (vacant building lands model) yields adjusted to the 2016 Clark County Growth Management Plan Vancouver UGA growth allocation. (Table 10)

Table 10. Clark County and Park District Population Growth Estimates

PIF			
District	Jurisdiction	2020	2035
5	Vancouver	32,217	33,850
	Unincorporated UGA	33,157	39,913
6	Unincorporated UGA	21,673	25,196
	Rural	107	107
7	Vancouver	25,769	26,558
	Unincorporated UGA	20,654	22,850
8	Vancouver	6	60
	Unincorporated UGA	26,005	32,262
9	Vancouver	119	127
	Unincorporated UGA	29,581	33,071
10	Unincorporated UGA	21,244	29,947
	Vancouver & UGA Total	327,661	365,743
	Unincorporated UGA Total	152,314	183,239
	Clark County	477,884	562,207

Geographic Distribution Equity

The geographic distribution of existing urban parks reflects a performance standard of access and equity to the residents of the urban unincorporated area. With a community goal to connect people to parks with safe and reasonable park land distribution, urban parks (either neighborhood or community) should be within ½

mile of all residents. Neighborhood parks are classified as "walk-to" parks and do not provide for offstreet parking. A reasonable measure of walking distance used as a national guideline is 1/4 - 1/2 mile between destinations or a 10-15 minute walk. In an ideal environment, this walking distance would be covered through an infrastructure of sidewalks and trails in a safe pedestrian situation. Mapping the geographic distribution of existing parks and their "walkshed" or walking distance of ½ mile helps identify the geographic service area gaps in the urban park system. Locations for future park land acquisition opportunities should be targeted strategically within those identified gaps.

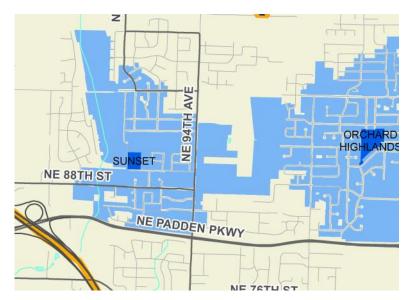


Figure 1. Sample ½-mile walking distance map

Neighborhood Parks

Acquisition and development need is measured by taking the level of service standard and calculating the necessary park acres to meet that standard for the existing population. The difference between existing parks and the targeted park standard then determines the gap between current parks and targeted park system goals. The quantity of needed neighborhood park acres to meet targeted goals for each district is shown in Table #11.

Table 11. Existing	Demand	/Need fo	or Neio	hborhood	Parks
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PIF Districts	2014 Population	NH park acres Demand	NH park Surplus (-deficit)
	(1,000's)	2/1,000	NEED
Park District #5	31.094	62.2	-13.4
Park District #6	20.667	41.3	-20.3
Park District #7	19.928	39.9	-14.4
Park District #8	24.132	48.3	-10.8
Park District #9	28.530	57.1	-22.0
Park District #10	18.903	37.8	-10.9
Totals	143.254	286.5	-91.9
**shared districts			

The standard of 2 acres/1,000 persons for neighborhood parks is the same for both the targeted acreage of park land and developed park areas. Across all six PIF districts (#5-10) that contain county-owned urban parks, the need for additional neighborhood park acreage is 91.9 acres. Since 125.7 acres of existing neighborhood parks are developed out of an inventory of 194.6 acres, more development (68.9 acres) is also needed for the standard of neighborhood parks to be met across all PIF Districts in the UUA.

As the urban population grows in the UUA, more neighborhood park land will be needed to meet the demand for recreational facilities and open space for residents and to attain the adopted standards for the park system. Table 12 displays the future demand and need for neighborhood parks for the projected population growth for the years 2020 and 2035.

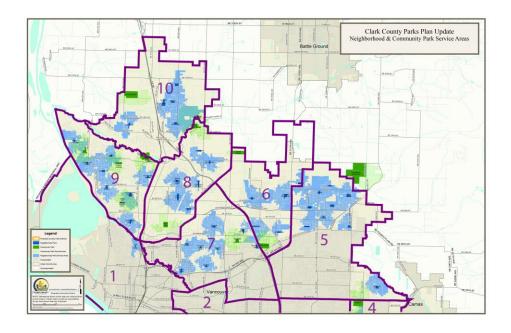
Table 12. Projected Demand/Need for Neighborhood Parks
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	2020			2035		
PIF Districts	Pop. Estimate	NH park acres Demand	NH park Surplus (-deficit) NEED	Pop. Estimate	NH park acres Demand	NH park Surplus (-deficit) NEED
Park District #5	33.157	66.3	-17.5	39.913	79.8	-31.0
Park District #6	21.673	43.3	-22.4	25.196	50.4	-29.4
Park District #7	20.654	41.3	-15.9	22.850	45.7	-20.3
Park District #8	26.005	52.0	-14.5	32.262	64.5	-27.0
Park District #9	29.581	59.2	-24.1	33.071	66.1	-31.1
Park District #10	21.244	42.5	-15.6	29.947	59.9	-33.0
Totals	152.314	304.6	-110.0	183.239	366.5	-171.8
** shared districts						

Geographic Equity: The distribution of parks within the urban area have a direct influence on the accessibility of park facilities to residents. An on-going goal to have a park or trail within a ½ mile walk of every home in the urban unincorporated area intends to provide an equitable geographic distribution of outdoor recreation and open space to the urban population. Using geographic information system (GIS) mapping to display walking distances from existing parks, a gap assessment can illustrate where to target future park land acquisitions. These illustrated gaps can be combined with the need for additional park acreage to meet the demand for future park land acquisitions.

Neighborhood parks, as local 'walk-to' parks, are intended to provide park amenities to homes within ½ mile. Community parks typically provide parking and restrooms facilities as well as more recreational amenities. The community park service area range is within a 3-mile distance. It should be recognized that community parks provide the same "walk-to" value as neighborhood parks and thus contribute to the system of ½-mile service areas as well. The map of walking distances in Figure 2 demonstrates the current gaps in service areas for the UUA park system. An equitable distribution of parks for the urban area would cover the UUA with the blue "walkshed" representing park facilities within walking distance of all urban residents.

Figure 2. ½ mile walking distance from neighborhood and community parks in the UUA.



Community Parks

Community parks can provide a greater variety of recreational activities, amenities and open space value in the urban area compared to smaller neighborhood parks due to their size and ability to contain more park features. The standard for acquisition of community park lands is 3 acres/1,000 persons. The development standard is slightly lower (2.25 acres/1,000 persons) recognizing that community parks with undeveloped areas of open space or sensitive environmental resources also provide valued benefits to urban parks. Each of the PIF Districts have different existing levels of service with District 6 and 9 currently meeting the acquisition acreage standard. The other park districts have a deficit in community park land acreage. To meet the standard for community parks in the urban unincorporated area, acquisition of 94.6 acres is needed. None of the park districts (5-10) met the developed acreage standard and have a combined need of 172.4 acres for developed areas within community parks. (Table 13)

Table 13. Existing Need for Community Parks

PIF Districts	2014 Population	CP acres Surplus (-deficit)	CP dev'd surplus (-deficit)
	(1,000's)	NEED	NEED
Park District #5	31.094	-40.3	-33.0
Park District #6	20.667	21.5	-30.0
Park District #7	19.928	-49.7	-44.8
Park District #8	24.132	-12.1	-34.3
Park District #9	28.530	12.5	-17.9
Park District #10	18.903	-26.5	-12.4
Totals	143.254	-94.6	-172.4
**shared districts			

As the population grows to its estimated 2020 level, the need for community park acreage across the urban unincorporated area will increase to 121.8 acres with a need for 176.7 acres of developed community park spaces. By the estimated 2035 population increase, the needs for more park land to support the standards for the community park system will have increased to 214.5 acres for addition acreage and 246.3 acres of needed developed community park areas. (Table 14)

Table 14. Projected Need for Community Parks

	2020			2035			
PIF Districts	Don	CP acres	CP dev'd	Pop. plus Estimate	CP acres	CP dev'd	
	Pop. Estimate	Surplus	surplus		Surplus	surplus	
	Estimate	(-deficit)	(-deficit)		(-deficit)	(-deficit)	
		NEED	NEED		NEED	NEED	
Park District #5	33.157	-46.5	-21.6	39.913	-66.8	-36.8	
Park District #6	21.673	18.5	-32.2	25.196	7.9	-40.2	
Park District #7	20.654	-20.6	-15.2	22.850	-27.2	-20.1	
Park District #8	26.005	-17.7	-38.5	32.262	-36.4	-52.6	
Park District #9	29.581	9.4	-20.3	33.071	-1.1	-28.1	
Park District #10	21.244	-33.6	-17.6	29.947	-59.7	-37.2	
Totals	152.314	-90.5	-145.4	183.239	-183.2	-215.0	
** shared districts							

Geographic Equity: As illustrated in Figure 2 above, numerous gaps exist across the county's system of urban parks when mapping the ½-mile walking distances of neighborhood and community parks. While community parks are targeted to have a service area with a 3-mile radius, actual distribution of future community parks will realistically be determined by the availability of suitable parcels of land that can accommodate the development of community park facilities. Gaps in the equitable distribution of urban parks should consider the existing locations of both neighborhood and community parks (combined as urban parks) to achieve the mission of access to parks for all urban residents.

Urban Natural Areas

Clark County is fortunate to have conserved significant open space along its river and stream corridors to protect important and sensitive natural habitats and endangered species. As a result, the current standards for acquiring urban natural areas have been met for three of the six park districts in the urban unincorporated area. District 5 and 10 currently exceed the standard with 2.57 acres/1,000 and 5.43 acres/1,000, respectively. District 6 currently contains no designated urban natural lands. Although the existing urban natural areas exceed the acquisition standard across the UUA, as the population grows that "surplus" acreage will diminish. The need for additional urban natural areas within four of the six districts will continue to increase.

Table 15. Projected Needs for Urban Natural Areas

PIF Districts	Pop. Estimate	surplus /		UNA surplus / (-deficit)	
	2020	NEED	2035	NEED	
Park District #5	33.157	46.8	39.913	40.1	
Park District #6	21.673	-21.7	25.196	-25.2	
Park District #7	20.654	-14.4	22.850	-16.6	
Park District #8	26.005	-0.7	32.262	-7.0	
Park District #9	29.581	-7.4	33.071	-10.9	
Park District #10	21.244	81.4	29.947	72.7	
Totals	152.314	84.1	183.239	53.2	
** shared districts					

Regional Parks

As the projected population grows, the level of service (60% in 2014) will decrease to 53% in 2020 and 46% by 2035 based on population estimates and assuming no additional regional park acreage has been acquired. The regional park acreage need to reach the 10 acres/1,000 persons target standard would require the acquisition of an additional 1,751.6 acres, with 422.9 acres as developed areas within regional parks. If the regional park system includes the other providers of similar regional park facilities (state and national park lands accessible to the public) the existing parkland acreage is increased to 3,208.5 and the need for more acquired land to meet the performance standard is 1,146.6 acres with needed developed areas targeting 272.9 additional acres.

Table 16. Demand for Regional Parks by County and Other Providers

Facility Type	Existing Acreage	Developed Areas	Acreage Surplus / -Deficit	Dev'd Area Surplus / -Deficit
County-only Regional Parks	2,603.5	361.1	-1,751.6	-422.9
County, State and National Parks	3,208.5	511.1	-1,146.6	-272.9

As the projected population increases, the need for additional regional park lands will increase to 2,304.2 acres for the 2020 population estimate. Including the national and state parks as other providers to meet the performance standard for 2020, the need for additional acquisition is 1,699.2 acres and for developed areas is 372.3 acres.

Table 17. Projected 2020 Need for Regional Parks

Facility Type	Existing Acreage	Developed Areas	Acreage Surplus / -Deficit	Dev'd Area Surplus / -Deficit
County-only Regional Parks	2,603.5	361.1	-2,304.2	-522.3
County, State and National Parks	3,208.5	511.1	-1,699.2	-372.3

As the projected population increases, the need for additional regional park lands will increase to 3,018.6 acres for the 2035 population estimate. With the national and state parks included with regional park system providers to meet the performance standard for 2035, the need for additional acquisition is 2,413.6 acres and for developed areas is 500.9 acres.

Table 18. Projected 2035 Need for Regional Parks

Facility Type	Existing Acreage	Developed Areas	Acreage Surplus / -Deficit	Dev'd Area Surplus / -Deficit
County-only Regional Parks	2,603.5	361.1	-3,018.6	-650.9
County, State and National Parks	3,208.5	511.1	-2,413.6	-500.9

SUMMARY OF PARK SYSTEM NEEDS

Across the six Park Districts containing county parks in the urban unincorporated area (UUA), the park system has a varied level of service based on existing inventory and current population. While the park system has grown significantly since 2006 and now contains over 529 acres of neighborhood and community parks, the acquisition and development of parks has not been able to catch up to the growing population to meet the park system's targeted level of service standards. The need for neighborhood (91.9 acres) and community (94.6 acres) park lands combine to target the acquisition of an additional 185.2 acres of urban parks across the UUA. The combined resources of the PIF (park impact fee) program and the GCPD (Greater Clark Parks District) maintenance levy funding have provided a critical boost to the development of the urban park system. However, this assessment has indicated the demands and needs for park and recreation facilities in the urban area will continue to grow and outpace park system development without additional investment.

The regional park system has reached 6 acres/1,000 population resulting in a 60% performance level. Developed areas within regional parks have reached only 46% of the targeted standard (18% of park land) for acreage of development. The regional park system would require the acquisition of an additional 1,751.6 acres to reach the LOS standard for the current population. If other regional park providers (state & federal) are included in the level of service inventory, the acquisition need targets an additional 1,146.6 acres. As Clark County grows, the estimated 2020 and 2035 populations will expand the gap in the level of service for the park system and increase the demand and need for more park land and developed facilities.